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SUB: VISIT OF INTERIOR UNDER SECRETARY JAMES JOSEPH

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1. A) PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN MADE WITH TONY BENN, SEC OF STATE FOR ENERGY, THURSDAY, JUNE 8 AT 0900 OR 0930 HOURS. HIS OFFICE WILL CONFIRM TIME TOMORROW;
B) SECRETARY OF STATE OF ENVIRONMENT, PETER SHORE'S OFFICE HAS BEEN CONTACTED. THEY ARE TELEPHONING BACK TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT. BOTH OFFICES HAVE REQUESTED A BRIEF RUN-DOWN ON WHAT UNDER SEC JOSEPH WISHES TO DISCUSS.

2. SIR DEREK EZRA, NATIONAL COAL BOARD, WILL BE UNAVAILABLE, HOWEVER, MR. JOHN MILLS, MEMBER OF NATIONAL COAL BOARD SPECIALIZING IN MINING WILL BE ABLE TO SEE UNDER-SEC JOSEPH. NATIONAL COAL BOARD ARE ORGANIZING TRIPS FOR UNDER-SEC JOSEPH TO VISIT MINES STATED IN CABLE AND WILL COORDINATE ITINERARY WITH EMBASSY.

3. PLEASE LET US KNOW UNDER-SEC JOSEPH'S ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE TIMES.

4. IN VIEW OF PARA 1 REFTEL, SHOULD EMBASSY ATTEMPT TO UNCLASSIFIED

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SCHEDULE OUT-OF-TOWN TRIPS OR APPOINTMENTS ON JUNE 9?

5. IN RESPONSE TO PARA 5 REFTEL, UNDER-SEC JOSEPH SHOULD BE AWARE THAT MILFORD HAVEN VISIT WOULD REQUIRE TWO DAYS, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION. ALSO VISIT TO ABERDEEN AND PETERHEAD MIGHT REQUIRE TWO DAYS IF FULL RANGE OF INTERESTS MENTIONED IN PARA 3 REFTEL ARE TO BE COVERED.

6. DO UNDER-SEC JOSEPH AND MS. HELLER REQUIRE HOTEL RESERVATIONS?

7. WILL MS. HELLER ACCOMPANY UNDER-SEC JOSEPH TO ALL APPOINTMENTS?

8. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REPLY TO THE POINTS RAISED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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